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ENTERTAINMENT

## It's showtime again next Friday

*Crowd-funded cinema at Southgate finally set to reopen Nov. 6*

By Michael J. Ballway  
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Action!  
After nearly a year of delays, the renovated and partially crowd-funded Agawam Cinemas will reopen Nov. 6, the theater's owner announced this week.  
A ribbon-cutting ceremony that afternoon will include a visit from Shari Baker, daughter of the original owner of the two-screen

cinema in Southgate Plaza, on Suffolk Street. It will also be the first chance for theater patrons, more than 200 of whom contributed to a Kickstarter.com fundraising campaign in October 2014, to see the interior of the business. It will mark the end of a long, costly and frustrating renovation process for owner Kimberly Wheeler. The theater was originally expected to open before the end of last year.  
"In essence, we were paying to

operate for a year with no revenue," Wheeler said. "But we didn't give up. We kept right on going. ... I'm hoping it's all celebration from here on out."  
For the first two weeks, the theater will have only two films, "The Peanuts Movie" and the new James Bond thriller, "Spectre," but Wheeler said she plans to have three to four films in rotation

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Agawam Cinemas will reopen Nov. 6 with two films, "The Peanuts Movie" and "Spectre." TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



A folk band performs in one of the Smith House rooms at the final event of the season at the historic house. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Katie Lunden, 8, reads her ghost story at the Thomas Smith House last Friday night.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## Old house, young voice

*Third-grader brings her 'nice ghost' to Thomas Smith Halloween dinner*

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The Agawam Historical Association once again hosted the community for a Halloween celebration last Friday night at the historic Thomas Smith House.

For the second straight year, children from Agawam public schools were invited to share their scary stories with the community.

This year, there was just one winner of the story contest, third grader Katie Lunden, 8, from Granger School. Katie was joined

by her father Eric, and said she got involved with the contest with the help of her mother.

"I really enjoy writing stories," she said. "It's a lot of fun. They were asking for ghost stories and I really wanted to tell the story of a nice ghost and a mean ghost."

The rules of the contest require story writers to incorporate the historical Smith House, built in 1757, and the 1700s time period in the story. Additionally, the story had to end with the words, "... and they were never seen again."

Katie's winning entry was about a nice ghost named Amy. Her mother is a mean ghost named Abigail who liked to scare people and wanted Amy to scare

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GOLF COURSE

## Cart vendor admits error, still wants \$4k repaid

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The vendor that sent the town golf course a \$4,000 demand for an overdue invoice is admitting it made a billing mistake, but still wants the original invoice paid.

Last week, members of the Agawam City Council and the management at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course battled over the invoice, which dates from the previous fiscal year but was apparently sent to an outdated email address.

Mayor Richard Cohen released a letter from E-Z-GO, a Georgia company that sold golf carts to the municipal golf course in 2014, in which the company acknowledges responsibility.

"The invoice for the beverage cart remains open and unpaid," said E-Z-GO representative Leslie Cherry in the letter. "I do realize that this all stems from E-Z-GO's internal process. However, we are asking for the payment of the beverage cart as we refund-

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TOWN ELECTION

## Races on Nov. 3 ballot for council, schools

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Agawam voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 3, to decide races for mayor, City Council and School Committee.

Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at seven different schools around town. All residents registered to vote in Agawam may participate in the election. The deadline to register to vote has passed.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen, who was first elected to the town's chief executive office in 1999, and has served continuously since

2009, is unopposed on the ballot in his bid for an eighth two-year term as mayor. Small-business owner William Clark, who fell short in a petition bid to appear on the ballot, has announced he will run against Cohen as a write-in candidate.

All eleven incumbent councilors, as well as six challengers, are running for two-year terms on the town's legislative body. In the order in which they will appear on the ballot, they are: Bob Alves, James P. Cichetti\*, Gina M. Letellier\*, Robert E. Rossi\*, Samuel S. DiSanti Jr., Dennis J. Perry\*, Anthony R. Suffriti\*, Cecilia P.

Calabrese\*, Christopher C. Johnson\*, George Bitzas\*, Corinne M. Wingard, Michele Ann Calvanese, Robert A. Magovern, Donald M. Rheault\*, Joseph Mineo\*, Paul C. Cavallo\* and Richard M. Theroux. Asterisks denote incumbents. In addition to the incumbents, Magovern and Theroux are also former councilors. Voters can choose up to 11 of the candidates on their ballot; the top 11 finishers will be elected.

City Council candidates were scheduled to appear in a forum hosted by the Agawam Demo-

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## Author to discuss book on Korean War pony

Author Janet Barret will visit the Agawam Public Library on Monday to read from and discuss her novel, "They Called Her Reckless."

When the U.S. Marine 5th Regiment's Recoilless Rifle Platoon acquired a small Korean pony to haul ammunition up the steep hills to the front lines, what they got was a real-life hero, Reckless, a warhorse who stood with her buddies for two years during the Korean War, saving many lives, raising spirits and winning the love and respect of all who knew her. For the first time, readers will be able to view her full story, made possible by the contributions of over 60 Marines who shared their memories.

Barret will be at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 2. To register for this programs, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).



Dancers from LHQ DanceForce in Agawam took part in Rays of Hope: A Walk & Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer held Oct. 25 in Springfield. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## LHQ raises \$3K to fight breast cancer

The LHQ DanceForce Dance Team joined together to raise funds and awareness for Rays of Hope: A Walk and Run Toward the Cure of Breast Cancer. Over 50 dance team members and their families walked either the two-mile or five-mile route in Springfield, and one dancer's brother ran the 8K race on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Forming two teams, Dance Away Cancer and Dance Away Cancer Too, the dancers raised over \$3,000 for this cause. The LHQ Dance Team Booster Club encourages the dancers to find opportunities to give back to the community whenever possible. The local community has been generous in supporting the dance team's

fundraising efforts every year as they prepare for competition season.

This year, Rays of Hope was selected as the team's community give back recipient. The rain did not dampen their team spirit as they joined 18,000 other walkers and runners in the fight against breast cancer.

## Six Flags coat drive on season's last day, Nov. 1

Six Flags New England will close out the season by hosting a winter clothing drive to "share the warmth" with Square One. On Sunday, Nov. 1, guests are invited to bring a new or gently used winter clothing to be donated to Square One, which will be distributed to local families in need. Guests

who donate smaller items, including hats and gloves, will receive a coupon for \$20.15 off the main gate admission price. Donations of winter coats or boots will earn a free ticket for the last day of Fright Fest. Guests can also purchase candy canes off the prize tree to receive a special prize.

Each pick costs \$2, and all proceeds will benefit Square One.

Sunday, Nov. 1, will be the park's final day of operation for the 2015 season. The theme park is at 1623 Main St., Agawam.

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# CPA funds slated for outdoor classroom, farm preservation, housing study

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Agawam City Council last week unanimously approved \$137,994 in Community Preservation Act funds for three projects to benefit various citizens in town.

CPA Committee member Corinne Wingard spoke in favor of the spending.

The council approved \$23,494 to be used for an accessible outdoor classroom at Agawam Junior High School.

Recently, Agawam Junior High School teachers Sandy Johnson and Lisa Bruno revived a garden in back of the school. The garden is being used to teach students about gardening and harvesting of plants.

The teachers are seeking to expand the use of the garden so it can become a full-

fledged classroom outdoors. The funding will be used to provide handicapped access to the garden site, including ADA-compliant benches for the garden.

Councilor George Bitzas said he strongly supported the request at the Community Relations Subcommittee meeting and believes it is one of the best uses of CPA funds.

“This is money well spent on education,” said Bitzas. “This is what the money should be used for.”

The council approved spending \$99,500 to preserve 82 acres of open space. The Sloan Farm in Feeding Hills was identified in a 1983 study as open space that should be preserved. The Sloan family began the application process three years ago.

“It was a long application process and I truly thank the Sloan family for going

through it and agreeing to preserve that land for open space,” said Community Relations Subcommittee Chairman Cecilia Calabrese.

The town will spend the CPA funds and the state will make a matching contribution toward the purchase price and an agricultural preservation restriction will be placed on the property, limiting it to be used as only farmland.

The Sloan property has been used for both tobacco growing and haying.

“This is property that we should be preserving,” said CPA Administrator Jennifer Bonfiglio. “The CPA Committee unanimously supported purchasing that property. We are running out of open space here in town so it is nice the Sloan family was willing to go through this process.”

The final funding request was for \$15,000

and will be used for a feasibility study for a housing needs study.

The Housing Committee established by the Agawam City Council has been charged with researching the housing needs for seniors and low-to-moderate income residents in town.

The committee was established earlier this year and is being chaired by Councilor James Cichetti. The town was found to have a deficient amount of housing available for low-to-moderate income families.

The study will assess the current affordable housing available in town and the town’s needs. The CPA has a fund established for affordable housing needs and could be tapped in the future to create more affordable housing in the future. Since the establishment of the CPA, only \$250,000 has been spent on community housing.

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

★★★★ Please Vote on Tuesday, November 3rd ★★★★★

### PERSONAL

- ★ Lifelong resident of Agawam
- ★ Married with two children in the Agawam Public Schools

### EDUCATION

- ★ Graduate - Agawam High School
- ★ Graduate w/honors - B.S. in Business Administration - American International College
- ★ Graduate w/honors - Juris Doctor - Western New England University School of Law

### EXPERIENCE

- ★ President - Agawam Town Council (2012 to Present)
- ★ Mayor of Agawam (1989 - 2000)
- ★ Agawam Town Council (1988 - 1989)
- ★ Solicitor - Town of Agawam (2008 - 2009)
- ★ Attorney/Partner - Johnson, Sclafani & Moriarty

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ★ Board of Trustees - Springfield Technical Community College
- ★ Board of Directors - Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (1995-2010)
- ★ Board of Trustees - Captain Charles Leonard House

### LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- ★ Zoning Reform - Agawam’s zoning dates back to the 1950’s and needs to be modernized
- ★ Reorganization - Agawam’s organizational chart hasn’t changed in decades & needs to be updated



Re-Elect ★★★★★  
**Chris Johnson**  
Agawam Town Council



# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

### Boys and ghouls, stay safe on Saturday

If it weren't for Halloween, we wouldn't be sending our young kids out on a cold autumn night, after dark, running from door to door and street to street, many of them in dark clothes or cumbersome headgear.

If it weren't for Halloween, though, we wouldn't be able to see our young kids experiencing a little of the tradition, a little of the wonder, a little of the fun of the childhood we knew. So we dress them up as ghosts and monsters and characters from "Frozen" and we do what we can to keep them warm and safe.

Fortunately, there's a lot we can do. It starts with the costume. (Thanks to the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services for some of these tips)

- Have your child carry a flashlight — and check it to make sure the batteries are fresh. Attach reflective strips to your child's clothing. Choose a costume that naturally contains bright, reflective or glow-in-the-dark elements.

- Double-check any masks or headgear to make sure your child's vision isn't impeded. Cut the eye holes bigger, if you need to. Better yet, plan on using makeup or face paint instead of a mask.

- Make sure the costume is big enough to accommodate layers of warm clothing underneath — and make sure, on Halloween night, that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. It can get very cold after sundown in late October.

- Don't forget the shoes. Regardless of what "looks" best, make sure your children are wearing sturdy, comfortable shoes for their long walk. And cut or clip any tails or trailing material on the costume so it's short enough not to be a tripping hazard.

Remind whoever's going trick-or-treating — your older children on their own, or yourself as chaperone for kids under 12 — that walking around the neighborhood at night isn't the same as the familiar daylight stroll to the bus stop. Nighttime drivers, having forgotten what date it is, may not be alert for foot traffic. At any rate, visibility after sundown is much less than during the day.

- Stay in a group — siblings together, children with parents. If possible, organize a large group of neighbors, classmates or family.

- Stay in neighborhoods you know, and neighborhoods where the residents are expecting trick-or-treaters.

- Stay on the sidewalks and in well-lit areas when possible. Try to minimize the number of times you cross the street, and try to cross only at crosswalks or other places where a driver would expect to encounter a pedestrian.

- The normal safety rules about "stranger danger" apply, even on the night when we like to pretend to walk on the wild side. Make sure children understand not to go into strange houses or strange cars.

- For older children, give them a time limit and a watch so they know when to come home. Make sure they have a cellphone — even if they have to borrow yours — to dial 9-1-1 if necessary.

Before you head out, print a Halloween safety checklist — the state of Connecticut has a good one, at [http://www.ct.gov/dcp/lib/dcp/pdf/factsheets/halloween\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dcp/lib/dcp/pdf/factsheets/halloween_checklist.pdf) — and give everyone one last check. With a little vigilance and preparedness, we can make sure that the scariest thing we see on Oct. 31 is only a costume.

## Vote on Tuesday

For at least a day, try to forget about Jeb and The Donald, Bernie and Hillary. Focus on an election that really matters.

The presidential race is remote — relatively far in the future, at least for Massachusetts voters; far away in distance, with no campaign events closer than Boston or New Hampshire; far, really, in impact on our day-to-day lives.

The races for local political office are much closer. The vote is Nov. 3. The candidates are your neighbors. The decisions they make, in the next two years, will affect what sort of land developments take place in your town, what sort of schools your children can attend, what sort of quality of life you enjoy. And these decisions may be decided by a as little as one vote. Your single vote may be the difference between 11th and 12th place in the council election, or 6th and last in the School Committee race — the difference between elected and disappointed.

Make sure your vote is counted on Tuesday. In this election, it will count.

What do you think? Email your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).



## Letters to the Editor

### Parent supports Wendy Pudlo Rua for school board

*Note: The following letter was received Oct. 12, before the cutoff date for election endorsement letters, and omitted from the Oct. 15 and 22 editions of the Agawam Advertiser News because of an editing error.*

It is my privilege to write a letter in support of Wendy Pudlo Rua. As a parent of three school-aged children in Agawam public schools, my support for Wendy's re-election comes from seeing her in action as a decision-maker for our school community. She is familiar with the position of School Committee member and its responsibilities. She has served two terms and understands that the committee operates best when all its members work together.

It was during the spring of 2014, when the committee was tasked with the decision of adopting PARCC or staying with MCAS for the 2014-15 school year, that I

witnessed Wendy's thoughtful approach to listening to all parties. She worked diligently to research the issue at hand, which included pros and cons for both standardized tests, in order to make a well informed decision. I trust that Wendy based her vote on what she believed would make our schools a better place for all.

Many of us are aware of the critical issues facing our schools. We should all care about maintaining the reputation of our system and that means choosing the right people to guide it. Wendy brings her perspective as a parent to the School Committee as well as her wisdom and experience. I encourage you to join me and vote to re-elect Wendy Pudlo Rua to the Agawam School Committee on Nov. 3.

**Cynthia Newsome**  
Agawam

### Town golf course no longer a viable business

In a recent edition, you encouraged additional opinions regarding the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Municipally operated golf courses sprouted up across the country through the decades of the mid-20th century. They provided access to the game for Americans, most of whom couldn't afford country club memberships. Agawam joined in this tradition, buying Agawam Country Club more than 20 years ago. Citizens appreciated this facility for years. Revenues were adequate to pay off bonds issued to fund purchase of the course, cover operating expenses, and generate a surplus of a few hundred thousand dollars.

However, during the last four years for which data is available on Agawam's website (fiscal years 2011-14), our golf course has shown operating losses totaling nearly \$1 million, despite no longer being burdened with bond payments.

Revenues have declined by more than 50 percent since 2002 (the first year available on the site). It was noted in your pages recently that revenues increased \$20,000 in fiscal 2015, versus fiscal 2014. Apparently this wasn't even enough to cover operating expense increases. More than \$5,000 of bills weren't paid in fiscal 2015. Three months after the end of the year, the City Council had to approve general funds being transferred to pay them.

The data confirms what I know as a close follower of the game over recent decades — participation in the game has declined dramatically in the most recent decade. Agawam Municipal Golf Course is no longer

Fiscal Year	Revenue (\$1,000.)	Operating Income/ (Loss)
2002	974	403
2003	826	365
2004	708	0
2005	790	91
2006	782	48
2007	784	48
2008		
2009	765	(52)
2010	766	32
2011	614	(138)
2012	592	(284)
2013	605	(156)
2014	461	(325)

ger a viable enterprise. Improvement at the margins can be made with better management, supplemental uses or during better times. These marginal improvements will not offset losses of a few hundred thousand dollars a year, however.

Merging financial activity of the course into the general fund, as you've reported was suggested at a recent ad-hoc committee meeting, would just be hiding reality from taxpayers. Based on the data and my experience in business, finance, and golf, I will continue to advocate for closure of our golf course to avoid further loss of taxpayer funds.

**Brian D. Halla**  
Agawam

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# Letters to the Editor

## Firehouse Museum ends successful season

On behalf of the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum, I would like to thank the many visitors who came to view our wonderful Riverside Park exhibit. Many had fond memories of the park and were eager to share them. We also received an eclectic collection of memorabilia from the public to use in the exhibit. Special thanks to David Cecchi for sharing his personal collection as well as for being present on occasion to speak with visitors. Thanks also to the volunteers who staffed the museum whenever we were open.

We are now closed for the season and will spend the upcoming months preparing new exhibits. Among them will be an exhibit celebrating the centennial of the Eastern States Exposition. This is sure to be a trip down memory lane for so many of us.

I would also like to thank the Agawam Advertiser News, especially Teri Machia, for their help in spreading the word about the museum.

We will reopen in April 2016. In the meantime, you can follow us on Facebook or online at [www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com](http://www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com).

Anne Liptak, Archivist  
Agawam

## Wondering about School St., image on town seal

Does anyone know why the bike path on School Street was not put on the north side of the street? It seems that fill will be needed to level the land in some places. Will the contractor be allowed to fill in wetlands? Seems it hasn't been worked on for some time. I see that it did get mowed over the summer, but all this did was to make it easier to see the trash left in the weeds.

One more quick thing — why is our town seal still an Indian shooting a farmer in the back? Is this how our city sees its residents?

Ruth Cosimini  
Agawam

## YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

# Have you been paying attention?

Mike Ballway, the editor, gave me the okay to have a contest. Unfortunately, there are no prizes. We'll just tell you who came up with the most correct answers. Email your answers to [nmb924@aol.com](mailto:nmb924@aol.com) on Nov. 4 or 5 or mail them to me at 334 School St., Agawam, MA 01001. Here are the questions. All answers were in the first 100 columns.

1. The first Yesterday's Hometown News column on July 19, 2007, had a picture of a Little League team, the Jets. What oil company sponsored the Jets?
2. Also pictured in the first column was Mrs. Nardi. What was her maiden name?
3. Was Judy Schinelli a member of the Velveteens? Yes or no.
4. Fran Nolin, president of the class of 1943, has a son whose name was in the credits of the movie "Titanic." What was his name?
5. Who is older, Alice Davis '62 or her uncle Ray Haseltine '62?
6. Who used to put up all the Christmas lights on the Main Street end of Meadow Street?
7. Barbara Drzyzga '53 lived at 1477 Main St. The house was opposite the end of South Street but has been torn down. What was her brother's name?
8. Some former cheerleaders attended the football reunion in 2008. Jackie Fenton was one of them. Her mom is one of our oldest residents. What is Jackie's maiden name?
9. Name the former AHS principal who sold peanuts at Sears in his younger days.
10. David Barnard's picture of Jackie



Walt Willard

and John F. Kennedy in the Jan. 8, 2009, column showed our police chief between them. What was his name?

11. Name the '62 graduate whose dad ran the reform school in Feeding Hills.
12. Name the spunky AHS English teacher who retired to Martha's Vineyard.
13. Beverly Orr was voted most likely to succeed in the class of \_\_\_\_?
14. This '64 signed Bridget Moynahan to a modeling contract when Bridget was only 18. (The original article mistakenly identified this person as someone in the class of '62.)
15. Who was our Centennial Queen?
16. He has the AHS record for taking the most pictures for AHS Sachems.
17. The '79 cheerleader who got her doctorate in chemistry.
18. This Brownie pitched one inning in the major leagues in 1944.
19. What was the first name of Mrs. Sears who taught French in the 1950s?
20. This family had a small farm on Suffield Street, not far from our Town Hall, and produced some of the smartest children to graduate from AHS.

Please let me know if you enjoy the contest or would rather a typical column, and also if the questions are too hard or too easy.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

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Margaret A. McCarthy  
Assistant Town Clerk



**CINEMA** ■ from page 1

most weeks. Films will run for two to four weeks. She said she's confirmed that Agawam Cinemas will have the last "Hunger Games" film, to be released Nov. 20, and the new "Star Wars" movie — including a midnight debut screening on Dec. 18. She also plans to show some "retro" movies.

"I'm a huge fan of bringing back some of the most iconic movies back up onto the big screen," Wheeler said.

Tickets will be \$7, with discounts available for matinees, children and seniors. Wheeler said she is committed to keeping her prices much lower than those at area multiplex theaters.

Movie tickets — including tickets to the opening day screenings — will be available at the cinema box office only. Wheeler said selling tickets online, as most theaters do, would have increased the prices. Some supporters of the Kickstarter campaign qualified for one-year passes; regardless of the expiration date printed on them, these passes will be valid through Nov. 6, 2016.

The theater opened in 1971 as the Jerry Lewis Twin Cinemas, part of a national chain of small movie houses showing family-friendly first-run films. Wheeler said tracking down the history of the cinema was difficult, but she was able to get in touch with Shari Baker, the daughter of Vic Baker, the original owner. Shari will fly in from California to participate in the re-opening ceremony next week.

Under the more recent ownership of Sal Anzalotti, the theater operated under the name Agawam Family Cinemas and showed second-run movies with discounted ticket prices. Anzalotti abruptly closed the theater in May 2014, rather than incur the cost of upgrading the projectors from film to digital.

Wheeler, a frequent moviegoer at Agawam Family Cinemas and an emergency medical technician and EMT trainer who lives in town, decided to try to revive the theater. In September 2014 she secured the lease to the business and a business loan from Easthampton Savings Bank, and in October she ran a Kickstarter campaign that raised about \$40,000 to purchase a digital projector. At the time, she hoped to open the theater by Thanksgiving 2014, but complications in the renovation of the building delayed it by nearly a year.

The delay cost her about half of the staff that she had assembled last fall. The cinema is now fully staffed again, with Wheeler and seven part-timers, many of whom are Agawam residents.

Wheeler said she can't go into specifics about what caused the delay, because of "legal negotiations" with the landlord and the contractor, but described the renovation process as a long exercise in "damage control."

"I had to push them. Every single day I had to push them," Wheeler said. "There were days that nobody showed up to work and I had to come here to make sure people were working. It was a full-time job in and of itself to try and manage the contractors that were assigned to our job."

Work on the cinemas included a new roof, new heating and air conditioning system, new 5.1 sound system, new acoustic treatments and several upgrades to the lobby area, including handicap-accessible bathrooms.

The theater is at 866 Suffield St., Agawam. The grand opening ceremony will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, followed by screenings of both movies. For more information, visit [agawamcinemas.org](http://agawamcinemas.org), a website designed by students in the UMass-Amherst Business Technology Program.



The refurbished lobby at Agawam Cinemas will feature unique concessions and upgraded restrooms. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

**SMITH** ■ from page 1

others as well.

Katie shared her story around a fire in the living room of the Smith House, using just candlelight and fire to read with.

Eric Lunden said he was very proud of his daughter's accomplishment and praised the Historical Association for holding the contest again this year.

"I think this is a great way for students to do creative writing," said Lunden. "Writing is a great media for children and Katie had a lot of fun with it."

Katie thanked her mom for helping her type up the story.

The Historical Association was holding its final public event of the season. More than 75 people attended the candlelight evening, which included a tradition of making "stone soup," along with applesauce

cake and Cornish game hens. All were cooked on the fire.

Historical Association President Marilyn Curry said the idea of inviting children to participate in the writing contest came from one of the members seeing it at a historical house in Niantic, Conn.

"People love to go to historic houses and tell ghost stories," said Curry. "We thought it was a great idea and Bill Sapelli, the school superintendent, agreed and opened it up to the students in the schools."

Judy Anderson, a member of the Historical Association, said she was really appreciative of the children who entered the contest. Last year, there were four winners, one each from grades 3-6.

The Thomas Smith House is open for tours and other activities throughout the warm months of the season. The house will now close for the winter.

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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 334 calls for service from Oct. 20 to Oct. 26. The department made three arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Friday, Oct. 23

Michelle Huffer, 47, of 55 Riviera Drive, Agawam, was arrested on charges of forgery of check, uttering a false

check, possession of a Class A drug, and identity fraud.

### Saturday, Oct. 24

Larry Kieffer, 45, of 17 J.H. Dwyer Drive, Middletown, R.I., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

### Monday, Oct. 26

Brian Todd Wysocki, 52, of 77 Reed St., Agawam, was arrested for violation of open container town ordinance.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 73 EMS calls from Oct. 20 to Oct. 26, and the following emergency response calls.

On Oct. 20 at 2:29 p.m., the department responded to Northwood Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 20 at 2:43 p.m., the department responded to Clover Hill Drive for gasoline or other flammable liquid spill.

On Oct. 20 at 4:46 p.m., the department responded to Westford Circle, no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On Oct. 20 at 5:23 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hill Road for carbon monoxide activation, no CO.

On Oct. 21 at 9:01 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for outside rubbish fire, other.

On Oct. 21 at 9:17 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street for good intent call, other.

On Oct. 21 at 8:11 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for lockout. On Oct. 21 at 9:40 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for good intent call, other.

On Oct. 22 at 10:30 p.m., the department responded to Pheasant Hill Drive to assist invalid.

On Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m., the department responded to Maynard Street for lockout.

On Oct. 24 at 10:48 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street for road freight or transport vehicle fire.

On Oct. 24 at 10:54 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street for unauthorized burning.

On Oct. 25 at 2:42 a.m., the department responded to Robin Lane for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On Oct. 25 at 4:07 a.m., the department responded to River Road for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.

On Oct. 25 at 11:22 a.m., the department responded to Kellogg Avenue for public service.

On Oct. 25 at 10 p.m., the department responded to Country Road for person in distress, other.

On Oct. 25 at 12:13 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On Oct. 25 at 3:15 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.

On Oct. 26 at 1:43 p.m., the department responded to Edward Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Oct. 26 at 3:21 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield for lockout.

On Oct. 26 at 7:52 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

## Town seeks feedback on ADA study

The town of Agawam is requesting public feedback on its recently completed Americans with Disabilities Self-Evaluation study. The ADA study, which was conducted by the Institute for Human Centered Design, is available at [www.agawam.ma.us/ada](http://www.agawam.ma.us/ada), or inside the town's Office of Planning and Community Development on the second floor of Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam.

The goal of the study, which was funded by a Community Development Block Grant, was to identify areas of non-compliance with Title II of the ADA within the town's buildings, programs, services, policies and procedures; and to develop specific recommendations for prioritizing capital corrective measures through planning and budgeting that will become the new ADA Transition Plan. Toward that end, the town is requesting feedback on the results of the study, particularly from disabled residents, by filling out the Form for Public Feedback

on the town's website, by calling 413-786-0400, ext. 8738, or emailing [ada@agawam.ma.us](mailto:ada@agawam.ma.us).

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act applies to all the programs, activities, and services provided or operated by state and local governments. It is intended to protect people with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability and extends these nondiscrimination prohibitions and protections on the basis of disability that were earlier established by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The core responsibility for the town is to ensure that all programs, services and activities provided by the town are provided in a manner that allows people with disabilities equally effective opportunities to participate in, and benefit from the aids, benefits and services provided by the town, including municipal employment opportunities, all media communications and temporary events.

## Tax bills due Nov. 2

The second quarter real estate and personal property tax bills for fiscal year 2016 are due in the collector's office at Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2. Bills may also be paid online at [www.agawam.ma.us](http://www.agawam.ma.us).

Second quarter payment notices were mailed Sept. 30. By law, bills were mailed to owners of record as of Jan. 1. Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received a real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the collector's office at 413-786-0400, ext. 8218, to obtain the bill amount.

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# More lights will delay AHS sports field bids

Plans being reworked to illuminate baseball, softball diamonds

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
[gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com)

There will be a delay in the bidding process for the Agawam High School athletic facility improvement project after the architects were instructed recently to work lighting for two more fields in the design.

Community Preservation Act administrator Jennifer Bonfiglio, who is also a member of the building committee for the project, has been working on bid documents for the town.

The bidding was delayed earlier this year because too much time had passed to find a contractor that could fit the town's budget. The decision was made to restart the project and bid in the fall, with construction beginning next spring.

City councilors Robert Rossi and George Bitzas then made a presentation to the CPA Committee in late September, with the body voting unanimously to support expanding the project — contingent on coming in on budget — to include lights for the varsity baseball and softball fields.

As part of the athletic facility improvement project, the varsity baseball field will be moved from its currently location abutting the stadium multi-purpose field to the rear of the high school building.

Rossi said he feels lights on the baseball and softball fields would be a positive thing for parents and families in town and also provide the town an opportunity to gain revenue.

"There are a lot of parents that are not able to make it to games in the afternoon during the spring season," said Rossi. "I think it would be good to have the lights here. The lights could also make it possible for the field to be used by other groups, as well for a tournament site."

While there are numerous fields in town that have lights for sports typically played in the fall, there are few fields in the region that have lights for baseball and even fewer for softball. Because of Title IX, the federal law mandating equal treatment for boys and girls sports, the town has to

add lights for both baseball and softball if it does so for either one.

Bonfiglio said there are some estimates showing lights for both fields would cost approximately \$400,000. That amount could rise in cost to \$500,000, but the designer, Milone and MacBroom, have not come back with formal estimates yet.

Louis Russo, vice chairman of the CPA Committee, said he was among those who supported adding the lights. He said he agreed with Rossi's rationale about the ability to have night games. He also said the idea of making a complete improvement was a big factor.

"We are putting in a lot of money to these fields," said Russo. "We may as well do this right."

The addition of the lights to the project has put the bidding process off. Bonfiglio said the current projected time for bidding is the second week of November.

"We are hoping the design is complete and we can go out to bid by then," said Bonfiglio. "We need to get this out before the end of the year."

The mayor's rationale for delaying the bid till now was to garner a lower bid from a contractor that is securing work for the following construction season.

The project includes a new artificial turf field for football, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey, as well as stadium seating, new tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, the renovation of the locker rooms and team rooms in the high school.


Bids that were secured in May were over the town's budget. The town administration was prepared to ask the City Council to increase its borrowing authorization, but the contractor with the lowest bid withdrew, leading to the decision to delay the project until next year.

The City Council has already approved using more than \$1 million in CPA funds and borrowing up to \$6.75 million for the project. Additional CPA funds for the baseball and softball lights would need to be approved by the City Council.

## Free clinic offered at Bethany Assembly of God


An urgent-care free clinic for people 18 and over will be offered by New Covenant Community Services and Bethany Assembly of God from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. The clinic provides non-emergency care by a Christian physician, nursing staff and be-

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## TVAA member art show in Conn.

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn. — The Tobacco Valley Artists Association Fall Members Art Show will be on display at the South Windsor Public Library, 1550 Sullivan Ave., South Windsor, Conn. from Nov. 3 to 29. The opening reception will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, with a brief business meeting, artist's critique session and the awards presentation.

Renowned artist William Butcher, head of the art department at Suffield Academy, will judge the members' entries. TVAA artists will be recognized for Best of Show, the People's Choice, and in the categories of oil and acrylic, watercolor, pastel, and other media. Butcher will also provide a critique of various works that members have brought along for review.

He holds BFA and MFA degrees from the Drake University School of Fine Arts, where he studied painting with internationally recognized artists Jules Kirschenbaum and Cornelis Ruhtenberg. Butcher is a master at portraying emotional and spiritual content as visual compositions. In his paintings he explores space, light and subject matter as metaphors in a dialog. He has taught painting and sculpture for 30 years.

TVAA is comprised of 170 member artists throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. Regularly scheduled meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. The meetings are open to the public.

## Boldyga invites constituents to Agawam office

State Rep. Nicholas A. Boldyga, R-Southwick, invites residents of Agawam, Granville and Southwick to stop by his district office in Agawam with any issues or concerns they may have.

His office, which is fully staffed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., is

on the second floor of Cooper's Commons, 159 Main St., Suite M, Agawam. The office can be reached by phone at 413-455-3007 or by email at [Nicholas.Boldyga@mahouse.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Boldyga@mahouse.gov). Boldyga's legislative director, Phil Kleinbohl, can be reached by email at [Phil.Kleinbohl@mahouse.gov](mailto:Phil.Kleinbohl@mahouse.gov).

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October 15, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** for all parties interested in the appeal of Teresa Lally, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 to allow for the construction of an addition to a residential structure

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## Senior Friends to host holiday fair

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will hold its annual Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday,

Nov. 21. The fair provides an opportunity for holiday shopping. For more information, call JoAnn Balakier at 413-789-0451.

### GOLF ■ from page 1

ed you the money. I also realize that this would have fallen under a previous fiscal year budget, so we are willing to do whatever it takes in order to get this resolved."

In early 2014, the council agreed spend \$300,000 of free cash to purchase new carts in an effort to return the municipal golf course to profitability. The town purchased 66 carts, three hauler utility carts, and a beverage cart.

E-Z-GO failed to log the serial number of the cart and the firm would end up sending the town a refund check. According to a chain of emails sent to Councilor Dennis Perry, who is the chair of the ad-hoc Golf Committee, a refund check was sent back to the town on July 8, 2014.

The check was received and recorded as a receipt by the town auditor. Cherry said in her letter she had spoken with Golf Course General Manager Tony Roberto and he confirmed the town had received the refund check.

The email chain also shows a number of emails sent to former law clerk William Reichelt. The emails were returned with automated responses, as E-Z-GO had indicated. Reichelt ceased working for the town last year, and is now the town solicitor — and a candidate for mayor — in West Springfield. He was handling the town's correspondence with E-Z-GO because Ro-

berto had a conflict of interest, a family member who worked for the company.

One thing that is still unclear to the City Council is whether invoices were still being sent to the golf course itself. The invoices from E-Z-GO do show the address for the Agawam Town Hall at 36 Main St.

Also last Friday, Cohen provided an invoice that had been cancelled by E-Z-GO.

In addition to the cart invoice, E-Z-GO was also claiming the town owed money for service calls for the golf carts during 2014.

One invoice for several services for \$679.47 was actually cancelled by E-Z-GO.

This is the third time this year that the City Council is being asked to authorize prior-year bills for the golf course. In July, golf course management had to ask for internal transfers of more than \$7,000 to balance its salary accounts for fiscal 2015, which ended June 30. In September, the council paid more than \$5,000 in outside invoices, including food and beverage suppliers, that dated from May and June.

Councilors said having processed so many late invoices during the past few months could look bad on the town fiscal audit. They recently agreed to install purchase order software, similar to that used by other town departments, at the golf course. The ad-hoc committee is continuing to work at other improvements to the business operations at the golf course.

### ELECTION ■ from page 1

cratic Town Committee at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Roberta Doering School auditorium.

Theroux is also the current appointed town clerk, though he plans to resign from that position later this year, regardless of how he fares in the election. Because he is appearing on the ballot, he has turned over responsibility for overseeing the election, including coordinating the voting on Election Day, to his assistant town clerk, Margaret McCarthy.

There are six School Committee seats up for election, and all six incumbents, plus one challenger, are running. The candidates, in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, are: Wendy T. Rua\*, Carmino J. Mineo\*, Anthony C. Bonavita\*, Brian A. Burbank, Roberta G. Doering\*, Diane M. Juzba\*, Shelley M. Borgatti-Reed\*. Asterisks denote incumbents. Voters will be asked to choose up to six of these candidates; the top six will be elected to two-year terms.

Several council and school board candidates' names will appear on the ballot with notes about their other public service or

veteran status. For example, Rua is listed as "Vice chair, MASC," for her leadership role in the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. Reed's position as "Secretary of the School Committee" is also noted. McCarthy said all candidates were afforded the opportunity to add such notes to their names.

There will be no classes at any Agawam public schools on Election Day, Nov. 3. Polls will be open in the following buildings:

- Precinct 1: Robinson Park School, 65 Begley St.
- Precinct 2: Clifford Granger School, 31 S. Westfield St.
- Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St.
- Precinct 4: Roberta Doering School, 68 Main St.
- Precinct 5: Benjamin Phelps School, 689 Main St.
- Precincts 6 and 8: James Clark School, 65 Oxford St.
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# Museums seeking entries for gingerbread house competition

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Museums are inviting bakeries, schools, individual bakers and young people to submit design plans for the annual gingerbread house competition and exhibit. This year's theme is "A Seussian Holiday," with houses to be unveiled on Nov. 27 as part of the Museums' "Holiday Happenings" event.

The gingerbread houses will be displayed against a backdrop of murals by artist John Simpson that celebrate the whimsical stories and characters created by Springfield native Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss.

Entry forms and design plans must be submitted by Nov. 13. Bakers who commit by the Oct. 23 early registration deadline will receive a free gift. Applications and guidelines may be obtained by downloading the form from the museum website at [springfieldmuseums.org](http://springfieldmuseums.org), stopping by the museum Welcome Center, emailing [dszaban@springfieldmuseums.org](mailto:dszaban@springfieldmuseums.org), or calling 413-263-6800, ext. 285.

Gingerbread displays may be based on favorite Dr. Seuss stories, historic loca-

tions, or other imaginative holiday designs. Entries will be accepted in the following contest divisions: professional (bake shops, caterers, restaurants or professional bakers), adult (individuals or groups age 18 and up), and youth (individuals or groups age 8-17; school and youth groups are welcome to apply).

Applicants will be notified about selection decisions by Nov. 16. Gingerbread houses that are not pre-registered will not be accepted. Completed gingerbread houses must be delivered to the museums on Nov. 23 and will be on display from Nov. 27 through Jan. 3.

Visitors on Nov. 27 will vote for their favorite gingerbread entry in each division and prize awards will be presented later that day. Voting will continue for People's Choice Awards until Jan. 3, and the final winners in each division will be posted on the Springfield Museums Facebook page.

For more information about the gingerbread competition, contact Donna Szaban at 413-263-6800, ext. 285, or [dszaban@springfieldmuseums.org](mailto:dszaban@springfieldmuseums.org).

# Author of 'Still Alice' to speak Nov. 5

Lisa Genova, author of "Still Alice," will visit Agawam to speak about her latest novel, "Inside the O'Briens" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5.

"Inside the O'Briens" is the story a 44-year-old police officer from the Charles-town section of Boston, his family, and his struggle with Huntington's disease.

This event is sponsored by the Agawam

Library, the Friends of the Agawam Library and the Agawam Cultural Council. Books will be available for purchase. Although this is a library event, it will be held in the Agawam High School auditorium at 760 Cooper St.

To register for this event, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

# Tickets available for West Side festival

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Rotary Club of West Springfield's NovemberFest takes place Friday, Nov. 6, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Storowton Carriage House on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. The evening will include a beer and wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres from 6 to 9 p.m., silent and live auction, raffle and dancing to the sounds of disc jockey Nino Cuccovia and a costume party until midnight. The event is the club's second largest fundraiser.

Tickets to the event are \$30 in advance and include beer, wine, food and music. They are available at Curry Printing, 91 Union St., West Springfield, 413-785-1363, or through Reid McManis, chairman, at 413-636-3014 or [s\\_4q@hotmail.com](mailto:s_4q@hotmail.com). All West Springfield Rotarians will also have tickets to sell. Tickets are available at the door the night of the event for \$35.

Proceeds from NovemberFest support community grants, scholarships and local projects.

# 'Fall back' this Sunday

Daylight Saving Time in Massachusetts ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1. Clocks should be set back one hour. Eastern Standard Time will remain in effect until Daylight Saving resumes Sunday, March 16, 2016.

# Heritage Woods to open memory care neighborhood

Heritage Woods Senior Living is scheduled to open a new memory care neighborhood, "The Birches," in January. This neighborhood, following the Homestead Program, will be dedicated to the care of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in a secure and supportive community. For more information, call 413-789-8332. Heritage Woods is at 462 Main St., Agawam.

# Veterans sought to be honored in ceremony

The Agawam Veterans Council, in conjunction with the Agawam mayor's office and Agawam Veterans Services, would like to honor Agawam residences that are veterans at the Veterans Day ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Green, 689 Main St.

To be honored, a veteran must register no later than Nov. 5 at Agawam Veterans Services or the mayor's office at Town Hall, 36 Main St.; or at Letalien Jewelers, 383 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam.

Candidates must be residents of Agawam and must bring their DD-214 form.

# FAITH MATTERS

# Know your place

Being first feels good. Whether you're at the head of the class, or play first violin, or you're a top-ranked athlete, the first one out of the gate, the first to pick your seats at a concert or the first in line at the grocery store, it feels good to have a leg up on everyone else, doesn't it? That's exactly what the disciples were arguing about one time while accompanying Jesus on a healing ministry, even though they were too embarrassed to admit it. Who's the greatest among us? Who of us is rated first? Who will be first in line? And Jesus knew what they were up to.



Pastor Ken Blanchard

Jesus said (John 9:35) to the disciples, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Then he placed a little child amongst them. The culture of their time was all about hierarchies based on social status, gender, age or ethnicity. In that day, the social hierarchy placed children just below livestock. Children had no rights or protections. Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

We are supposed to welcome even those whom society rejects as the lowest of all. In that day, it was children. In our day, it might be the lesbian or gay community. It might be the homeless. We can't really be welcoming or truly be a servant Christian, if we place ourselves above these people in any way. We're not the first in line.

So what's the solution? Well, in a healthy relationship, there's no line you

have to stand in where someone is first and someone else is last. A better analogy would be a circle. In a circle, there is no first and last. We can embrace each other in welcome because we are all in this together. We're looking at each other's faces in a circle, not looking at the backs of each other's heads like we would be doing if we were in a line. And the first person in the line wouldn't even be looking at the people behind him at all. But in a circle, there is no first and last.

Jesus' teachings are a challenge to us, because they are so opposite to the ways of our world. Sometimes his words make us a little uncomfortable. They should. We are called to transform our own lives and transform other lives as a result. To be first, you must be last of all and a servant of all, Jesus tells us. We have to let go of linear relationships and embrace circular relationships based on welcome and inclusion and service.

So, if you find yourself fighting for the first place in line, take a walk toward the back. Take the hand of the last person in line and form a circle. Welcome the least among us. Listen to their needs and serve them. Know your place — which is to give up your place in line. We're all in this together.

*Ken Blanchard is pastor of Agawam United Methodist Church.*

# Thanksgiving dinner open to the public

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The 34th annual Phil Coburn Thanksgiving Dinner will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at St. Thomas the Apostle School, 75 Pine St., West Springfield. Deliveries to home-bound seniors will start at 10:30 a.m.


For rides or deliveries in Agawam, call

the Agawam Senior Center at 413-821-0605, ext. 2. For schedules, drivers should call Mike or Deb at 413-250-2624. To volunteer, donate a turkey or make a monetary donation, call Rose or Mike at 413-734-9853.

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## Fun and games

**RIGHT: Caitlin Johnson, 11, of Agawam, tries to stand up a glass bottle using a hoop on a string during the Doering Family Carnival at Roberta Doering School last Saturday. Her mother, Sarah, is looking on behind her. The day's festivities included several carnival games, musical performances and a pie-eating contest, among other events. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS**



## Agawam High '80s plan reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1980 will host its 35th class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 28. The reunion will be held at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person. Checks may be mailed to AHS Class of 1980, P.O. Box 163, Agawam, MA 01001, by Nov. 14. For more information, email [ahsclassof1980reunion@gmail.com](mailto:ahsclassof1980reunion@gmail.com).

## Italian film nights begin Nov. 6

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts will begin the fall showing of its "Friday Night at the Italian Cinema" celebration of Italian movies with the 1963 movie "Ieri, Oggi, Domani" ("Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow") on Friday, Nov. 6. It is in Italian with English subtitles.

Winner of the Best Foreign Language Film at the 1964 Academy Awards, the film is an original comedy that casts Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren in three different stories throughout Italy.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. Admission for members is free but there is a requested donation of \$5 for non-members. As part of the movie experience, those in attendance will have a choice of beverage and a snack.

## Equine Affaire's Fantasia to light up the Coliseum

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Equine Affaire's popular musical celebration of the horse, the Fantasia, will return to the Eastern States Exposition Coliseum at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 12-14.

The Fantasia is the entertainment "cornerstone" of Equine Affaire's activities for horse lovers of all walks of equestrian life. It is best described as a "musical celebration of the horse" featuring outstanding equine and equestrian performers choreographed to musical styles ranging from traditional and country to classical and contemporary.

Ticket prices range from \$12 to \$24 (plus a \$2.75 per ticket shipping, handling and selection fee). Advance tickets for the Fantasia are available online at [equineaffaire.com](http://equineaffaire.com) or by calling Equine Affaire at 740-845-0085 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advance ticket sales end Oct. 25. Any tickets not sold in advance will be available for purchase at the Information Booth in the Better Living Center beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12.

For more information, visit [equineaffaire.com](http://equineaffaire.com).

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A purple banner with a yellow sun graphic on the left. The sun contains the text "Agawam School Committee". To the right of the sun, the text reads: "Please join me and vote RUA Tuesday, November 3. #1 on the ballot. Community. Dedication. Advocacy."

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A family of four is posing in front of a festive autumn display. The display features a large banner that reads "2013 BROWN'S HARVEST PUMPKIN CHAMP". The banner is decorated with pumpkins and hay bales. The family consists of a man, a woman, and two children. The man is sitting on the ground, and the woman is sitting next to him. The two children are standing behind them. The background is decorated with pumpkins and hay bales.

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# Bethany to host leadership conference

Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam, will host a Leadership Conference with Admiral Vern Clark and university president Byron Klaus from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 7. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event bringing two seasoned speakers together to share their leadership experience.

Clark is a retired chief of naval operations and completed a distinguished 37-year Navy career in 2005. The admiral was in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, when one of the planes struck. Since retirement, Clark has served in various boards in industry and education. He presently is engaged in consulting in the national security arena and frequently lectures regarding the U.S. military and the principles of leadership.

Klaus was named president of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in 1999, after 20 years on the faculty and administration at Vanguard University of Southern California. Before serving at Vanguard, he served local churches in California, Texas and Illinois. While at Vanguard University, Klaus also served as vice president for Latin America Child Care, a child development ministry serving over 80,000 children in 21 nations in Latin America and the Caribbean. His commitment to leadership development in growing churches around the world has taken him to preach and to develop leaders in over 50 nations in the world.

Clark will also be speaking Sunday, Nov. 8, at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services. Klaus will be speaking at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 413-789-2930.



Vern Clark



Byron Klaus

# Congregational Church news, upcoming events

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., “a place to call home — a people to call family.” Worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings with a children’s message, church school and fellowship and coffee hour following. Playgroup meets Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to the public. It follows the Agawam Public Schools schedule

**Sunday, Nov. 1:** Family Communion Worship Service, Blanket Appeal, coffee hour.

**Wednesday, Nov. 4:** 7-9 p.m., Bible Study with Pastor Greg Dawson. “The Acts of the Apostles, A Walk Through the Early Church.”

**Sunday, Nov 8:** Stewardship Sunday Worship Service, Blanket Appeal, church school, coffee fellowship hour.

**Wednesday, Nov. 11:** Veterans Day. Office closed.

**Sunday, Nov. 15:** 10 a.m., Worship service, Blanket Appeal, church school, coffee hour.

**Monday, Nov. 16:** 4 p.m., Loaves & Fishes.

**Wednesday, Nov. 18:** 7-9 p.m., Bible Study with Pastor Greg Dawson. “The Acts of the Apostles, A Walk Through the Early Church.”

**Saturday, Nov. 21:** 7:30 a.m., Men’s Ministry meeting at Bobbie J’s. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Holly Wreath Bazaar.

**Sunday, Nov. 22:** 10 a.m., Worship service, Blanket Appeal and dedication, church school, fellowship, coffee hour.

**Monday, Nov. 23:** 9 a.m., Newsletter Collation; 7 p.m., Women’s Ministry meeting in the Friendship Room.

**Wednesday, Nov. 25:** Join the Agawam Clergy Association at St. John’s Church in Agawam for the annual Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at 7 p.m. Local pastors will conduct the service. All are invited and welcome.

**Thursday, Nov. 26:** Thanksgiving. Office closed. Noon to 2 p.m., the annual Phil Coburn Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. Thomas in West Springfield. Guests welcome. No cost. Home delivery available. Call the Agawam Senior Center at 413-821-0604 for more information.

**Sunday, Nov. 29:** 10 a.m., Worship service. First Sunday in Advent, Candle of Hope, church school and coffee hour. The Mitten Tree will be up. Faithful Friends at coffee hour.

Pastor Greg E. Dawson is available for prayer after the service. The church offers many programs, special family activities, trips, picnics and more. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.



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# Jim Cichetti

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The city of Agawam has a special place in my heart. I grew up here, my family and friends live here. Growing up and being raised in this community was not only special to me but it brings back fond memories. Memories of a town that emphasizes good sound fundamentals not only in our schools and park & recreation but in our government as well.

### We must embrace technology and “blend” it with tradition!!

#### My beliefs as a Resident and a Councilor:

- Actions Speaking louder than words
- Preserving our Past while while growing into the future
- No voice is too small
- Sound Fiscal Management

#### I am one of the most active councilors as evidenced:

- Chair of the Legislative Sub-Committee
- Chair of the newly formed Agawam’s Housing Committee
- Community Relations Sub-Committee
- Ad-HOC Committee for the Agawam Country Club
- Supported the funding of School St Park Phase 2
- Actively working on plan to address opiod addiction issue
- Created Blight Ordinance

#### My priorities are and will continue to be:

- Promote business friendly environment that will retain our current base and attract new and innovative business
- Maintain a high level of quality education within the budget limitations we face.
- Develop a proactive & affordable plan for improving our streets, sidewalks & recreational facilities.
- Supporting Charter Review and Reform which is long overdue.

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# Youth

## Walk with ‘Run, Turkey, Run’ at library

Thanksgiving Storywalk, hosted in partnership by the Agawam Family & Community Program and the Agawam Public Library, will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. The event will take place at the library at 760 Cooper St., Agawam.

Children are invited to travel with a tricky turkey as he avoids a farmer preparing for Thanksgiving dinner in Diane Mayr's book, "Run, Turkey, Run." Weather permitting, pages of this story will be set up

outside the library for children of all ages to read along. After the Storywalk, kids will head inside to the Children's Department to create Thanksgiving crafts. Registration is not required. In the event of inclement weather, the Storywalk will be moved inside.

Funding is provided by the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant and Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

## Free haunted house on Halloween

Heritage Woods Senior Living will hold its annual free Haunted House from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at 462 Main St., Agawam. Area children are invited to come dressed in their costumes and en-

joy being spooked. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

## School Lunch

**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL**  
The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

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**AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**Monday, Nov. 2:** Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Tuesday, Nov. 3:** Election Day. No school.

**Wednesday, Nov. 4:** Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, baked fries, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Thursday, Nov. 5:** Turkey taco boat, assorted toppings, Mexican rice, corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

**Friday, Nov. 6:** French bread pizza, salad with light

dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.

**ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU**

**Monday, Nov. 2:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

**Tuesday, Nov. 3:** Election Day. No school.

**Wednesday, Nov. 5:** Mini waffles with syrup for dipping, 1 percent low-fat milk, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

**Thursday, Nov. 6:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

**Friday, Nov. 7:** Pillsbury mini chocolate chip pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, chilled 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice

## Applications available for Colleen pageant

Applications for the 2016 Agawam St. Patrick's Colleen are now available. The purpose of the pageant is to promote a sense of spirit in the Irish community and Irish awareness to all. The Colleen and her court will participate in activities throughout the "Irish season," culminating in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 29.

Applicants must be aged 17-22 on March 17, 2016; be single and have no children; claim Irish ancestry; have an interest in continuing her education; and be a resi-

dent of Agawam or Feeding Hills.

Applications are due Dec. 21. Applications are available at Agawam High School, 750 Cooper St.; Agawam Public Library, 760 Cooper St.; Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street; Cooper's Gifts, 161 Main St., Agawam; St. Mary's High School, 27 Bartlett St., Westfield; Cathedral High School, 310 Main St., Wilbraham; and Holyoke Catholic High School, 134 Springfield St., Chicopee. The Colleen pageant will take place Feb. 14 at Chez Josef in Agawam.

## Candy collection for troops Sunday

Feeding Hills dentist Dr. Michael J. Calabrese, of Agawam Dental Arts, will be collecting unwanted Halloween candy again this year to be sent to our U.S. troops serving overseas.

"Operation Gratitude" is an annual tradition. This year's event chairman is Cecilia P. Calabrese. Aldo Mancini of the Agawam Veterans Council will pick up the candy with help from members of the Agawam

Robotics teams. Agawam children in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 are eligible to participate.

The collection will be taken 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 1, at 850 Springfield St., Suite 2, Feeding Hills. Everyone that brings in candy will be entered in a drawing for a four-pack of theater tickets to Rave Cinema in West Springfield. The drawing will take place at noon Nov. 1.

## CAMPUS NOTES

**Goodwin College:** Charles Rossi, of Agawam, was named to the summer semester president's list. Katlynn Sullivan, of Agawam, was named to the summer semester dean's list.

**Western New England University:** Shaunna Howe and Victoria Tokarev, of Agawam; and Krista Shea, of Feeding Hills, were awarded master's degrees at ceremonies held Oct. 15.

## Bottle, can drive to benefit scouts

Boy Scout Troop 82 will hold a bottle and can drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Nov. 7, in the rear parking lot of Agawam Congregational Church at 745 Main St. All proceeds will benefit troop activities.



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# Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Open Houses/Informational Sessions/Discovery Days: Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check each college website for more information and to confirm the date and time of the event.

### Special interest programs

Bay Path University will hold "A Night of Forensics, Justice, and Science" Wednesday, Oct. 28. Experience hands-on activities and hear about career options in the forensics, science and justice fields. Register at baypath.edu/visit.

Springfield College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the "College Now" program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

Elms College is offering an Advanced Placement program which allows eligible students to enroll in one three-credit course in the spring semester and receive full college transfer credit to the Elms or another academic institution of their choice. While tuition is waived, students will pay a \$20 registration fee and \$50 technology fee. Registration for the spring semester is Jan. 20. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

Elms College will host STEM Day on Saturday, December 5th. The theme is "The Science and Technology of What We Eat." The program will include workshops taught by faculty in biotechnology and GM foods, chemistry of combustion, mathematical modeling, computer programming, physiology of taste, and macromolecules. For more details and to register for the STEM Day, please visit: <http://www.elms.edu/calendar/events/home-events/stem-day-12-5-15>

STCC is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

WNEU will offer a five-week mini law school program for students interested in a career in law. This is offered Tuesdays through Nov. 17, from 6-8 p.m. It is offered free of charge for any high school student with a valid student identification. Register at [wne.edu/minilawschool](http://wne.edu/minilawschool).

HCC Players present "American Hero" by Bess Wohl on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided prior to the 11 a.m. performance. High school juniors and seniors interested in pursuing a theater degree, liberal arts and science degree, or have an interest in participating in college-level theater as an extracurricular activity are invited to attend this special event.

Attention Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors: The ASVAB test is coming to Agawam High School on Dec. 8. The ASVAB Career Exploration Platform is a comprehensive career planning program that includes a multiple aptitude test battery, an interest inventory, and various career planning tools designed to help you explore the opportunities awaiting you. You will be able to identify, understand, and organize information about your skills, interests, and work-related values; identify suitable occupations to investigate and pursue based on your own skills, interests, and values; and use career information resources to further explore these occupations. See the Counseling Center for details.

### Scholarship information

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Did You Know: The Boston University Bridge is the only spot in America where a plane can fly over a car driving over a train going over a boat, all at the same time.

## Hands on technology



Agawam Junior High School FTC MIGHTY Mechanics robotics team members Christian Rua (behind the robot), Zao Gill, Adam Krause and Bobby Taylor make sure several guests at their display have a good time at the robot game field at the Agawam Rotary Harvest Festival held Oct. 17 at School Street Park. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Above: MIGHTY Mechanics assistant coach Charlene Cameron and team member Skylar Thies attend to the STEM Activity Tent with guests of all ages.



Left: A very young future member of Agawam robotics plays with some of the robot game elements, with the MIGHTY Mechanics 2015 season robot in the foreground

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# SPORTS

FOOTBALL

## Brownies take showdown with Colts

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The football matchup between Chicopee Comprehensive and Agawam was a showdown game of the first order. The Brownies have been truly dominating, coming into the game with a 5-0 record and an average margin of victory of 41 points, while the Colts, having won five straight, were right behind at 5-1. The game was supremacy in the Suburban League as well as a possible number one seed in the upcoming Division 4 playoffs. The Brownies prevailed by a 40-20 score.

Agawam has not just beaten their opponents, but they have beaten them up. The Brownies came into the game having out-scored their opponents 226-19, an average margin of 41 points. They broke the 40-point mark in three of those wins and 50 in another. Their devastating running game is the main reason for the offensive prowess. But on defense, they are quite impressive as the 19 points against will attest. In three of those games they allowed just one touchdown each and in the other two, they shut out their opponent.

The Colts stayed with the Brownies for much of the first half. The game was tied at 7-7, 4:00 into the second quarter and with 5:00 to go it was a seven-point game. The Brownies scored with less than 2:00 to go in the half to open a little breathing room. The key to the game came on the first



Agawam quarterback Troy Gallerani (10) pats the ball as he looks to make a pass downfield. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Chicopee Comp's Dave Pedraza (16) and Josiah Pernell (46) try to wrap up and bring down Agawam's Nick Scuderi (21).

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FIELD HOCKEY

## Agawam dominates Hurricanes

Score nine goals on Senior Night

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - It was an enjoyable Senior Night for the Agawam field hockey team as they celebrated what could be their final game on the grass of Harmon A. Smith Field before heading on the road for their final three regular season games.

The Brownies picked up a dominant 9-0 win over visiting Amherst.

Agawam was aggressive throughout the game and had no shortage of offense as the struck for six goals in the first half. Their bench would come up with three more goals in the second.

The defense was also very successful, keeping Amherst off the scoreboard throughout the 60 minutes.

Brianna Taft, who has recently returned from injury, did not need to make a save. Nikki Bates came off the bench for the Brownies during the second half and made two saves in her first action since

Taft returned to the lineup.

Agawam definitely spread out the scoring as seven different players logged goals. Nina Bruno and Nicole Mercadante each had two goals.

Morgan Durocher made some big contributions as she scored once and assisted on four other goals.

Maggie Belanger, Kristen Felion, Sydney Mazza, and Taia Vivenzio also scored for the Brownies, which peppered Amherst goalie Katherine Cornell. Cornell would end up making 22 saves while allowing all nine of the Brownies' goals.

The Brownies then headed on the road for the remainder of the season, having a major challenge on Monday night when they faced Holyoke, a team that has seen great improvement and is starting to play up to the level the Brownies are used to.

The Knights took it to Agawam for much of the game, having sev-



Bianca Toto moves upfield. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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GOLF

## Brownies place second at D1 championships

Advance to states

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM - The 2015 Western Mass Division I golf championship was held at the Wilbraham Country Club and despite a slight chill in the air, it was a good day for golf. Ten teams qualified for the match along with four individuals. There were 64 players out on the course. Agawam placed second as a team, scoring 340, while Matteo Godek, 82 and Angela Garvin, 82 qualified as individuals.

The Brownies were second to East Longmeadow, who topped the field at 336. Those two teams qualified for the state championship. Missing by one stroke was Longmeadow at 341 and then came Minnechaug at 347. Ludlow was fifth with 355. Rounding out the rest of the field were: Pittsfield, 359; West Springfield, 367; Taconic 368; Holyoke, 370; Westfield, 372.

East Longmeadow had the top two individual finishers, Noah Peterson, with a 78 and Connor Piecuch, tied with Matt Gurski of Minnechaug in second with an 81. Godek and Garvin were tied with Michael Bechard of Longmeadow for fourth with 82s. John Neves of Holyoke scored an 83 for the seventh and final individual slot. This year's winner, Peterson was second a year ago.

To determine the team winners, the top four scores of each are added together. The top two teams go to the state championship, as a team, while the top seven individual finishers also. Two of the top seven are part of East Longmeadow and two are from Agawam. They will compete as a team, but they will also have a chance to score in the individual competition.

Piecuch led through the front nine with a 37, two strokes better than Godek and Jeff Proulx, of Minnechaug who each had 39s going out. Peterson who had a 40

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# Sports

## ROUNDUP

### Agawam punches postseason ticket

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – After some struggles in the middle of the season, the Agawam girls soccer team has punched its ticket back to the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament with a 2-1 win last Friday afternoon at Westfield High School.

The Brownies, which squeaked into the tournament last season, will do it the conventional way this season with a 7-6-4 record, giving the Brownies the necessary 18 points needed to qualify.

Agawam is also guaranteed to finish at .500 for this season.

The postseason berth came from an excellent run in which Agawam won its last four games, beating four very tough teams.

Last Friday, Sarah Carron scored in each half to help the Brownies win 2-1. The teams were tied after Westfield's Erin McDermott scored off Jenna Beach.

But Beach would shut the Bombers down in the second half and Carron's second goal would hold up.

Beach would make seven saves. Sydney O'Keefe and Jill Scherpa assisted on the two Carron goals.

Last Tuesday afternoon, Agawam also defeated Longmeadow 2-1 in a night game held at home.

Carron was the hero of the game for the Brownies as she scored both goals for her team.

Both of her goals came in the second half and Beach's six saves were good enough for the win.

Agawam also scored huge wins over Belchertown 2-0 and Chicopee Comp. 4-0.

Agawam's final game was held on Wednesday at Granby.

The Brownies finished Kurty-Fielding League play with a 5-1-2 record. If Northampton loses their final league game, Agawam would win the league. A tie would make a tie for the league title. A Northampton win clinches the league title for the Blue Devils. Northampton defeated Agawam in the opening round of the playoffs last year.

#### Girls Volleyball

The Brownies need to win at least one of their final two games to qualify for the tournament after splitting their last two games to give them an 8-8 record.

Last Friday afternoon, the Brownies defeated Turners Falls 3-2.

Playing at home, Agawam opened the match with a 25-19 win in game one. Turners Falls would come back to take the next two games. Agawam took game four with a 25-17 win, and then finished off the five-game set 15-11.

In the victory, Bianca Culhane made 12 kills and 12 digs. Abby Viens had 10 kills and 20 digs. Meghan D'Amours had eight kills and 19 digs. Madison Lockwood would lead the team with six aces at the serving line.

Agawam lost to Minnechaug last Tuesday 3-1.

Agawam's finals games were both at home Tuesday against Longmeadow and Senior Night Friday against Amherst at 6:30 p.m. The Brownies beat Amherst 3-1 earlier in the season.

## BOYS SOCCER

### Brownies turn back Longmeadow

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – On Monday night, the Agawam boys soccer team continued its push toward a higher seed in the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament as they scored a narrow defeat over visiting Longmeadow 3-2 at Harmon A. Smith Field.

The Brownies needed their second half goal to overcome a pair of goals in the second half by Longmeadow after they had jumped out to a 2-0 lead.

Agawam got goals from Brendan Garvey and Luis Nieves as well as the first varsity goal for Jonny Kelley in the win.

Sean Moore has returned to the lineup in goal for the Brownies after missing significant time with a jaw injury. He made 10 saves while allowing both Longmeadow goals in the second half.

Last Thursday night, however, the Brownies did suffer a setback as a second half goal for the Terriers lifted them to a 2-1

win at home at Clark Field.

Agawam and West Springfield are not just neighbors; they have developed a pretty good rivalry on the boys soccer field.

West Springfield downed Agawam 4-0 in last year's tournament and moved on to the finals. Agawam then avenged the defeat with a scoreless tie earlier this season at home. But the Terriers, which always play Agawam tough, got a second half score from Nick Karas to get the win.

Nieves scored the only goal of the game for Agawam with a pass from Chris Noto. Moore made eight saves in the defeat.

West Springfield's Tyler Alstede scored in the first half for the Terriers before Nieves' tally tied the score in the second half.

The win was important for West Springfield, as it gave them the .500 record needed to qualify for tournament at 7-7-4. Agawam had already clinched second place in the league with 10 points. West Springfield's win only gave them nine league points.

Agawam also scored a win over Holyoke

and also managed to get revenge on the road and beat Belchertown, 3-1, last Monday night.

Against Holyoke, the Brownies scored twice in each half and never trailed in the game. Moore made eight saves and Nieves scored twice. Paulo Perno-Naves scored his first goal for Agawam as well.

The victory over Belchertown makes Agawam 4-2-2 in the Churchill league and is the only defeat Belchertown suffered in their league.

Agawam has an 11-2-4 overall record and has just one game remaining in the regular season, which is scheduled for Friday at Amherst under the lights at 7 p.m.

Following that, the Brownies will await their position in the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament.

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eral chances on goal in the first half and early on in the second half.

Katelynn Leclerc, who currently leads the league in points, had a huge chance to score on a penalty corner in the second half. The insert pass went to her and she let loose a rocket on the turf at Roberts Sports Complex.

But goalie Brianna Taft made a huge save, blocking the shot and preserving the shutout.

Bruno and Mercadante scored goals later in the second half for Agawam. Both goals happened during scrums in front of the Holyoke net.

The second goal happened with about 6:00 remaining in the game. Up 2-0, Agawam's defense was able to keep up and Taft's six saves held up for the visitors.

Agawam handed Holyoke its first loss of the regular season. Agawam tied Holyoke in independent action last year.

Agawam is now 9-4-3 with two games remaining. The Brownies played at Longmeadow Tuesday, and go to Westfield at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

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### Falcons hockey tickets available for \$15 each

AGAWAM - The Park & Recreation Department is offering Springfield Falcons tickets for \$15 each.

Vouchers may be purchased at the Park & Recreation office at 1000 Suffolk St. and can be exchanged at the Falcons box office at any time for any home game.

For more information, call 413-821-0513.



Madison Gabel makes the free hit.



Morgan Durocher tries to move past the Amherst defense. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



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BOYS SOCCER

# Brownies end Orioles' undefeated dream

By Tim Peterson

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

BELCHERTOWN - Entering the final two weeks of the regular season, the Belchertown Orioles were the only remaining unbeaten boys soccer team in Western Massachusetts.

The Orioles dreams of entering the post-season tournament without a loss came to an end following a 3-1 setback against Churchill Division rival Agawam before a large crowd at Belchertown High School, last Monday night, Oct. 19.

"This is a very big win for us because they're the last unbeaten team in Western Mass.," said Agawam head coach Tom Smith. "They defeated us at our place earlier in the season, so it feels very nice to

come here and beat them."

Agawam, who improved their overall record to 9-1-4, suffered a 2-0 home loss against the Orioles at the beginning of October.

"The difference between this game tonight and our first meeting against them was that we contested more balls tonight," Smith added. "We also finished our opportunities. Scoring the first goal of the game was huge for us."

The Brownies also improved their league record to 3-1-2, but they suffered a 2-1 loss at West Springfield last Thursday night, which ended any hopes of winning the league title this fall.

Belchertown (11-1-4, 5-1-1), who were looking to finish the regular season undefeated for the first time since the 2012, en-

tered the contest in first place in the league standings.

"I'm not very happy with the way that we performed in this game tonight," said Belchertown head coach Tony Almeida. "We played with no heart and with no emotion. It's very disappointing, but you just have to give all of the credit to Agawam. They just played a heck of a game against us."

Belchertown, who had a week off, locked up at least a share of the league title when Agawam lost to West Springfield, 2-1.

In order for the Orioles to win the league title outright, they needed a victory or a tie in their final home game West Springfield on Monday night. It was also the Orioles senior night.

Belchertown senior goalkeeper Connor

Curtin and senior midfielder Jonathan Ingram sat out last Monday's match against Agawam with injuries.

Curtin was replaced in goal by junior Tanner Clark, who was credited with four saves in the loss.

Down at the other end of the field, Agawam senior Sean Moore didn't have to make any saves.

Moore received plenty of help from his defensive unit led by senior Eugene Cone, senior Cam Verville, junior Dan Korotich, and junior Jonny Kelley.

Agawam outshot Belchertown 4-3 during the first 40 minutes of the match.

The Brownies took a 1-0 lead six minutes into the first half on a breakaway shot by

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possessions for each team in the second half. The Brownies came out and scored after holding the ball for 7 minutes and 41 seconds, marching 76 yards on 14 plays. The Colts response was to go three and out in 42 seconds. Agawam then went 69 yards for another score on a drive that was 4:57 and carried into the final frame. The score was now 34-7.

Comp got first possession and they had little trouble moving the ball. They began at their 20 and picked up a first down on to plays, that coming on a Johnson to Joey Black 6-yard connection. After an incomple- tion, Johnson found Corey Heath for 20 and the Colts were at midfield. Back-to-back completions of 8 and 30 yards to Kagan gave them a first down at the Agawam 12, but this where things stalled and the Colts would turn the ball over on downs at the Brownie 10-yard line.

Being backed up was no problem for the Brownies, as Scuderi broke through the line and was not taken down until he got to the Comp 28, a 62-yard run. Morassi followed with 13 to the 15-yard line. Scuderi picked up a first down with an 8-yard run and on the next play, he scored from the 5. With the point after, the Brownies led 7-0. Though they are about ball control, this drive took just 2 minutes and 14 seconds. Scuderi had 75 yards on three carries and there was still 5:00 to go in the first quarter.

The Colts got good field position as Dave Pedraza ran back the kickoff from his 25 to the Agawam 40. On third-and-15, Austin Clapp made a circus catch of a Johnson pass at the Agawam 10, good for 35 yards. Once again, the Colts could not get it into the end zone, this time getting stopped at the one.

The Brownies ran the ball for five plays and got out to the 22 as time expired in the first quarter. After two more runs, it was third-and-11 and Troy Gallerani threw his first pass. It was picked off by Joy Black and Comp had the ball at the Brownies 23.

They made the most of it. After a 3-yard run by Mason Labonte, Johnson and Kagan hooked up for 6. On third-and-1, Clapp caught a pass at the 3. On third-and-goal, it was Johnson to Labonte for the 3-yard touchdown. With the extra point, the score was tied at 7-7.

Agawam answered in short order, moving from their 35 and getting into the end zone in seven plays. Morassi ran for 5, 7 and 20 to put the ball at the Comp 35. Scuderi did the rest, going 12, 8 and 10 for his second touchdown. The 12 yard run put him over 100 yards in nine carries. After the touchdown, he had 119 yards and still had more than 5:00 in the half. The Colts went out on downs, with four incomplete passes. That took just 30 seconds off the clock.

With good field position at their 45, the Brownies took advantage. They went 55 yards in nine plays, all on the ground. Scuderi had 48 of the them with three over 10 yards. He scored from the 3 with 1:44 to go. The Brownies tried to go for two, but failed. They now had a 20-7 lead.

Though there were less than 2:00 to go, the teams managed two possessions each. The Colts went from their 38 to the their 49, but then gave it up on dons at mid-



Agawam running back Chris Morassi (22) looks to make a cut up the field. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

field. On first down, Pedraza picked off a Gallerani pass at the Colts 23, but Agawam got it right back as Dominic Grasseti intercepted Johnson at the Colts 26. In the final seconds, the Brownies tried to take a couple of shots into the end zone, but came up empty.

Through the half, the Brownies had 225 yards on the ground with Scuderi at 167 and Morassi at 62. Comp had 150 in the air, as Johnson had 13 completions, four to Kagan for 52 yards. It was 225 to 171 in total yards for Agawam.

Having deferred to receive in the second half, the Brownies got the opening possession. The kickoff went to the 24-yard line and there began the biggest drive of the game. On third and two Scuderi ran for 2, but it was a first down. After a holding call set them back, Gallerani completed his first pass of the day, a 16-yard connection Kyle Paynter for a first down at the Agawam 45. Morassi ran for 12 and three plays later, Scuderi went for 16. On third-and-8 at the Comp 14, Gallerani found Joe Oliver in the end zone for a touchdown. With the point after, it was 27-7.

Comp did not respond, instead going three and out. Heath ran for two on first down and Johnson was incomplete on second and third. They punted for the first time and gave Agawam the ball at the Brownies' 31-yard line.

They continued to run the ball, this time bring Grasseti into the mix and the results were good. He went for 14, 26 and 9 to the Comp 24-yard line. Morassi went for fourth-and-2 to get 86 yards as the third quarter ran out. On the first play of the final frame, Scuderi broke 200 yards with a 4-yard run. On third-and-6, Max Molta scored from the 10-yard line to make it 34-7.

The Colts followed that with their longest drive of the day, going 57 yards in 13 plays, but it took off 3:30 and they still trailed by three touchdowns. Johnson had three completions to Josiah Pernell, 5



Agawam fullback Dominic Grasseti (44) runs through a hole in the line.



Agawam's Alan Burlachenko (8) wraps up and brings down a Comp runner.

yards; Kagan, 10 and Clapp, 16. Heath took it in from the 11.

Agawam got the points right back. In fact, they needed just four plays to go 50 yards. Scuderi scored his fourth touchdown and had runs of 2, 22 and 11. He would finish the day at 235 yards. The fourth play was a 15-yard run by Morassi, which put over the century mark at 101. The score was 40-13.

With just over 4:00 to go, the Colts went 77 yards to another score. The big play was a completion by Johnson to Black for 22. He found Pedraza in the end zone for two to compete the scoring. Agawam got the ball back and with runs of 22 and 25 yards, Grasseti came up one yard short of being the third Brownie runner to get 100 yards on the evening.

"Agawam is a great team," said Tony Couture. "They just keep coming at you. The game turned on those first possessions of the second half. They killed a lot of clock on their touchdown and we went three and out. Had we stopped them, this might have been a different game."

Johnson was 29-for-39 for 224 yards and two touchdowns. Kagan caught six for 70 yards, while Clapp had three for 52, Black had three for 37 and Labonte had four for

31. Labonte also ran for 31 on seven carries.

The Colts had a decided edge in the passing game at 224 to 30, but they were no match on the ground, as the Brownies picked up 449 yards on 54 carries. Comp was 19 for 61. Interestingly, the two teams ran very close to the same amount of plays — Agawam with 60 and Comp with 54. A big difference was that in nine total possessions in the game went three and out twice and gave it up on downs three times, those three coming in the first half. Agawam had no three and outs and no turnovers on downs. In fact, they scored on three of their four second half possessions.

While there are no moral victories, Chicopee Comp, by scoring 20 points exceeded in one game the 19 points scored by the Brownies' previous five opponents combined.

The Colts has a bye this week, as the playoffs will be set after the next game. They await finding out who they will play and where they will play it.

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HOCKEY

Falcons collect point in overtime loss

WILKES-BARRE, Penn. - The Falcons were able to notch their first point of the season in a 3-2 loss against the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins on Saturday night.

The Falcons duplicated the quick start as they did the night before with several shots on goaltender Matt Murray. Dustin Jeffrey gave the Falcons their first lead of the season with a wrist shot that beat Murray 6:43 into the period. Greg Carey was credited with the assist. The lead would only hold momentarily as Scott Wilson would tie the game with 6:48 left. Steve Oleksy and Derrick Pouliot notched the assists on the goal to bring the game to a tie heading into intermission. The Falcons outshot the Penguins 15-5 during that period.

Springfield regained the lead with a goal from Carey 4:40 into the second period. Derek Smith and Ross Mauermann tallied the assists. The Penguins had a pair of power plays early but could not solve Falcons goaltender Louis Domingue. The frame did not see any other scoring with the Falcons collecting 14 shots to the Penguins 11 shots.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton was able to tie the game once again 6:12 into the third period with a goal from Tom Kuhnhackl. The forward beat Domingue low glove side with assists going to Oleksy and Dominik Simon. Neither team was able to find the back of the net during the remainder of the period. Overtime was forced with the game tied at 2-2.

Simon quickly won the game 36 seconds into the overtime with a backhand over Domingue's glove. Murray stopped 33 shots to move to 4-1-0 while Domingue made 23 saves and falls to 0-2-1.

Falcons drop fourth straight

The Falcons could not solve Penguins

goaltender Matt Murray and dropped their fourth consecutive game in a 5-0 loss on Friday night.

The Falcons came out flying to begin the first period with 17 shots on Murray. Last season's AHL Goaltender of the Year turned aside all 17 shots to leave Springfield and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton scoreless through one period. The Falcons also killed off three penalties in the frame and Louis Domingue stopped all 11 shots.

Springfield began the second period with a partial power play that they could not convert on. 4:41 into the period, Derrick Pouliot potted the first goal of the game on the man advantage. The defenseman scored after his shot was tipped on its way to the net. The penalty troubles would continue for the Falcons as the Penguins would score another power play goal but from forward Tom Kostopoulos. The team captain tipped a shot from Scott Wilson. Pouliot would add the secondary assist. The Penguins took a 2-0 lead into the third period.

The third period saw no scoring until the Falcons pulled Domingue. The move did not work out in the Falcons favor as the Penguins scored two empty net goals from Wilson and Matai Marcantuoni. The Penguins wrapped up the scoring with an even strength goal from Dominik Simon who deflected a shot to give the Penguins a 5-0 win.

Murray stopped all 38 shots for his first shutout of the season and improved to 3-1-0. Domingue made 27 saves and falls to a 0-2-0 record.

Roster moves

The Arizona Coyotes have recalled forward Tyler Gaudet from the Falcons, and the Coyotes assigned forward Matthias Plachta to the Falcons.

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junior forward Luis Nieves that deflected over the goal line off the right post. It was assisted by Kelley.

"Luis is one of the most dangerous forwards in our league this year because he's so fast," Smith said. "If he does get by you, you're probably not catching him. He's just an outstanding soccer player and I'm very happy that he's returning next year."

Nieves, who's a second-year varsity player, also scored a goal in the second half. He leads the Brownies with nine goals this season. He scored eight goals a year ago.

A couple of minutes later, Nieves sent a crossing pass to junior midfielder Nick Malerba, who's shot attempt sailed past the far post.

During the 33rd minute, it looked like the Brownies would be taking a two-goal lead on another breakaway shot by Nieves, but the ball was deflected away by Clark keeping the score 1-0.

The Orioles scored the tying goal 3:00 later when senior midfielder Ryan Kearney

lined a breakaway shot into the left corner, which was assisted by senior defender Connor Davis.

At halftime, all of the Cold Spring Soccer Clubs were recognized during a ceremony held on the field. The U-12 girls' soccer team, coached by Keith LaPorte, captured the state title for the first time in the history of the program last spring.

The Brownies retook the lead 11 minutes into the second half when Malerba served the ball into the box and Nieves scored on a header, which deflected off the crossbar.

A little more than 10:00 later, a shot attempt by senior midfielder Tym Regnier wasn't handled cleanly by the Orioles keeper and it was knocked into the back of the net by senior midfielder Brendan Garvey for an insurance goal.

The Orioles didn't have any shots on goal during the second half.

*Tim Peterson is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at dforbes@turley.com.*

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in front nine, was the only player to break 40 coming in, as he scored a 38. John Neves and Mike Proulx of Minnechaug were the next closest, each getting a 40 on the back nine.

Jon Farrell was the next Brownie. He

had an 84 good for eighth overall. Geoff Circosta had a 92, while Alia Godek came in at 97. Alex Amato had a 118.

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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com), fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

**Saturday, Oct. 31**

HERITAGE WOODS SENIOR LIVING will hold a free Haunted House from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 462 Main St., Agawam. Area children are invited to come dressed in their costumes and enjoy being spooked. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-8332 or email [nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com](mailto:nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com).

A LITTLE NIGHTMARE MUSIC: A Concert for Organs, Voices and an Odd Assortment of Instruments,' will take place at 3 p.m. at South Congregational Church, 45 Maple St., Springfield. Dress the kids (and yourself) up in costume early and enjoy the fun. The event will be over in time to go trick-or-treating. Free will donation. For information, call 413-732-0117 or email [lpicard@sococh.org](mailto:lpicard@sococh.org).

**Sunday, Nov. 1**

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK'S COMMITTEE will host a fundraising concert from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Karen Drumheller, Brenda Jermakian, Ellen Harris, Jane Garabedian and Kerri O'Connor will perform songs from the 1960s and 1970s, and medleys from "Sister Act," "My Best Friend's Wedding" and more. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available at the door. For advance tickets, call Laurie O'Connell at 413-519-1071.

THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, Mass./N.H. Chapter is offering the public a look at current research at UMass Amherst, Integrative Learning Center, 650 North Pleasant St., Amherst. The event is free, but registration is encouraged. The talk begins at 3 p.m. To register, call 617-868-6718 or visit [alzmass.org/alztalks](http://alzmass.org/alztalks).

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

**Tuesday, Nov. 3**

THE TRINITY UNITED METHODUST TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT will take place at Providence Place at 5 Gamelin St., Holyoke, and will feature Peter Beardsley on organ, Lawrence Picard on organ, and the Amherst Regional High School Chorale directed by Anita Anderson Cooper, at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email [firgo9654@aol.com](mailto:firgo9654@aol.com).

**Thursday, Nov. 5**

LISA GENOVA, author of "Still Alice," will visit Agawam to speak about her latest novel, "Inside the O'Briens" at 7 p.m. It will be held in the Agawam High School auditorium, 760 Cooper St. To register, call the Agawam Public Library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

**Friday, Nov. 6**

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL continues its Applause Series at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., at 7 p.m. with the return of Judy Handler and Mark Levesque in concert. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. More information is available at [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST SPRINGFIELD'S NO-

EMBERFEST takes place from 6 p.m. to midnight at Storowton Carriage House on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition. Includes beer and wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres from 6 to 9 p.m., silent and live auction, raffle, dancing and costume party until midnight. Tickets, \$30 in advance, at Curry Printing, 91 Union St., West Springfield, at 413-785-1363; or 413-636-3014; \$35 at the door.

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF WESTERN MASS. will begin the fall showing of its "Friday Night at the Italian Cinema" with the 1963 movie "Ieri, Oggi, Domani" ("Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"). Doors open at 6 p.m., the movie will start at 7 p.m. Admission for members is free but there is a requested donation of \$5 for non-members.

THE SPRINGFIELD SCIENCE MUSEUM'S large rooftop telescope will be open for public sky gazing 7:30 p.m. as part of the "Stars Over Springfield" observatory series, rain or shine. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for children 17 and under. For more information, call 413-263-6800 ext. 318.

**Saturday, Nov. 7**

A BEER AND WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER to benefit Antonio Bruno will take place from 6 p.m. until midnight at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by contacting Bill Sabadosa at 413-351-6119, Sheila Sabadosa at 413-537-4845 or email [sabdozer@com-cast.net](mailto:sabdozer@com-cast.net). Limited tickets will be available at the door.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL, 81 High St., Suffield will host its annual juried craft show in the Church Fellowship Hall and Chapel, part of "Christmas in Suffield."

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL will host Victorian High Tea in the church parlor, 81 High St., Suffield, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Advance sales of tickets for priority seating will be available at the church office until Nov. 4, and must be picked up by that date. Tickets will be available at the door.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, 446 MOUNTAIN ROAD, SUFFIELD will host a Christmas bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Guild Scholarship Fund.

THE FIBER FESTIVAL OF NEW ENGLAND takes place in the Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. General admission, \$7; children 12 and under, free.

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH at 16 Granby Road will host a ham dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. To make a reservation, call Dot at 413-357-6698. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

AUTUMN HOLIDAY AUCTION at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, at 6 p.m. Both live and silent auction. "Penny Auction" for kids, and childcare will be provided for younger children. Dessert buffet and beverages will be served.

THE 1ST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH at the rotary in East Longmeadow is hosting its annual Christmas Collection Craft Fair from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch will be served and parking on site and shuttle parking is free.

**Sunday, Nov. 8**

"FOR THE SKIN SHE'S IN" fashion show will take place from 2-4 p.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam. Tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased by contacting the Majestic Theater at 413-747-7797. Proceeds benefit the Majestic Theater in West Springfield.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A small auction will take place and

refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

**Wednesday, Nov. 11**

THE AGAWAM VETERANS COUNCIL will host a Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Green, 689 Main St.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Thursday, Nov. 12**

EQUINE AFFAIRE, an education-oriented horse expo, takes place today through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Better Living Center, Young and Stroh buildings, Mallary Complex and the Coliseum on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. For admission prices, visit [www.equineaffaire.tix.com](http://www.equineaffaire.tix.com).

THE FANTASIA AT EQUINE AFFAIRE, a musical celebration of the horse, will take place today through Saturday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. General admission, \$10-\$24 (see [www.equineaffaire.tix.com](http://www.equineaffaire.tix.com))

**Saturday, Nov. 14**

COMMUNITY GRANGE 382 OF FEEDING HILLS will hold a Polish supper from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Grange hall, 47 N. West St., Feeding Hills. Donation is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Pauline at 413-789-2061.

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST, 222 College Highway, Southwick will host a Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lunch menu, including Tacos in a Bag. Coffee and tea will be free all day. There will be a make-it-and-take-it table for kids' crafts.

A CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE will take place at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick, today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF WESTERN MASS. will sponsor a tortellini-making class at 1 p.m. at 56 Margaret St., Springfield. Cost is \$30 for adult non-members; \$25 for adult members; \$25 for children

12 and younger non-members; \$20 for children 12 and younger members. To register, call Stephanie at 860-305-1175 by Nov. 6.

**Tuesday, Nov. 17**

SUNITA GRIGELEY, a native of Nepal and resident of Suffield, will give an overview of Nepal at 7 p.m. at Kent Memorial Library, 61 Flyler Place. Learn about the country and culture by attending this free program. Register at the library, by phone at 860-668-3896 or online at [suffield-library.org](http://suffield-library.org).

JUSTIN KIMBALL, PHOTOGRAPHER, will showcase his display of old abandoned homes, "Pieces of String," at 9:30 a.m. in the Scibelli Hall of STCC as part of its free Ovarions series. For more information, call 413-755-4233 or email [pcodonoghue@stcc.edu](mailto:pcodonoghue@stcc.edu).

THE TRINITY UNITED METHODUST TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT will feature Tanya Anisimova on cello and PL Hsun Shih on piano, at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email [firgo9654@aol.com](mailto:firgo9654@aol.com).

**Thursday, Nov. 19**

THE THANKSGIVING CLASSIC DOG SHOW takes place today through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center, Young Building and Mallary North on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Free admission.

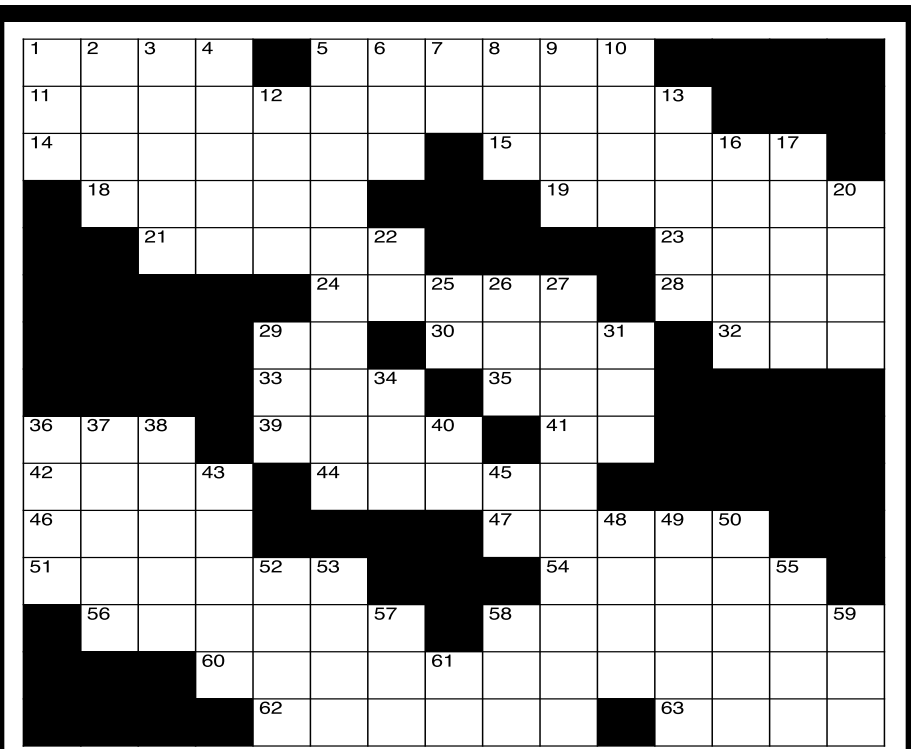
**Friday, Nov. 20**

THE LEAP AGILITY CLUB AKC DOG AGILITY TRIAL takes place today through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Mallary East and West on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

**Saturday, Nov. 21**

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 745 Main St., will host its annual Holly Wreath Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold a Christmas Bazaar in the parish center from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Vendor and tag sale items will be available. Breakfast and lunch may be purchased. For more information, contact Joanne Capucelli at 413-786-7919 or email [jjcappa@aol.com](mailto:jjcappa@aol.com).



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Angling worm
- 5. Tissue that conducts food in plants
- 11. 1937 Steinbeck novella
- 14. Feed storehouse
- 15. Raised pattern cotton cloth
- 18. Prophetic signs
- 19. Cowboy competitions
- 21. Ophthalmic products company, \_\_\_\_\_ Worldwide
- 23. Prefix meaning inside
- 24. Arousing or provoking laughter
- 28. Plant spike
- 29. Atomic #94
- 30. Himalayan goat
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 33. Rock TV channel

- 35. Pen point
- 36. Tiny bite
- 39. Organized work group
- 41. Atomic #58
- 42. Food fish of the genus Alosa
- 44. Fleshy slice of meat
- 46. Shallowest Great Lake
- 47. Tapered tucks
- 51. Winter muskmelon
- 54. Isaac's mother
- 56. Picasso's birthplace
- 58. Lowest hereditary title
- 60. Streisand/Reford film
- 62. Verb states
- 63. Soluble ribonucleic acid

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Sink in

- 2. Hairdo
- 3. Muslim leaders
- 4. Ringworm
- 5. Oppresses or maltreats
- 6. Cut fodder
- 7. Natural logarithm
- 8. Not divisible by two
- 9. Independent Islamic ruler
- 10. Written proposal or reminder
- 12. Tilt or slant
- 13. Nests of pheasants
- 16. Portable shelters
- 17. Swiss singing
- 20. Body of an organism
- 22. Opposite of "yes"
- 25. 41st state
- 26. 007's Fleming
- 27. They speak Muskogean
- 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 31. "Spud Papers"
- author's initials
- 34. Large vessel for holding liquids
- 36. Nanosecond (abbr.)
- 37. Worn to Mecca
- 38. 1/100 rupee
- 40. Of I
- 43. Distributed cards
- 45. Public promotion of a product
- 48. Hard to find
- 49. Thinks or supposes
- 50. More lucid
- 52. Thai monetary unit
- 53. Phil \_\_, CIA
- Diary author
- 55. Dialect variant of "heron"
- 57. One of the tender bristles in some grasses
- 58. Pass
- 59. Hot or iced brewed beverage
- 61. Equally

## Agawam Senior Center

**Lunch Menu**

- Monday, Nov. 2:** Chicken cacciatore with sauce, peppers and onions, pasta, apples.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3:** Cream of broccoli soup, egg salad on a roll, macaroni salad, mixed fruit.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4:** Pork chops, mashed potatoes, onion gravy, dilled carrots, baked good.
- Thursday, Nov. 5:** Sweet and sour meatballs over rice, sweet corn, pudding.
- Friday, Nov. 6:** Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, butter spinach, pineapple tidbits.

**Calendar of Events**

- Monday, Nov. 2:** Free hearing test with Ear Masters; Fallon Ins. agent available; 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3:** S.H.I.N.E. representative available (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sew-

- ing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Safe Haven"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Friends meeting; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., free memory screening (Conference Room); 12:30 p.m., bridge, winter car care seminar; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
- Thursday, Nov. 5:** 9 a.m., exercise class; 9:30 a.m., quilting class; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge, Investment Club meeting (Conference Room); 1 p.m., open art class, pitch; 6:30 p.m., evening line dancing.
- Friday, Nov. 6:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.



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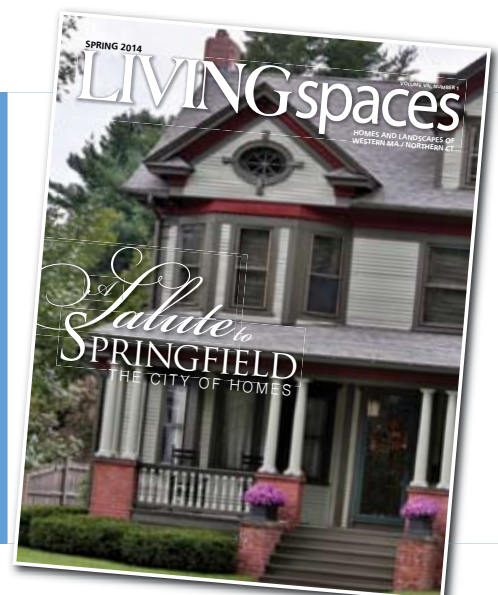
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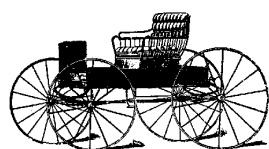
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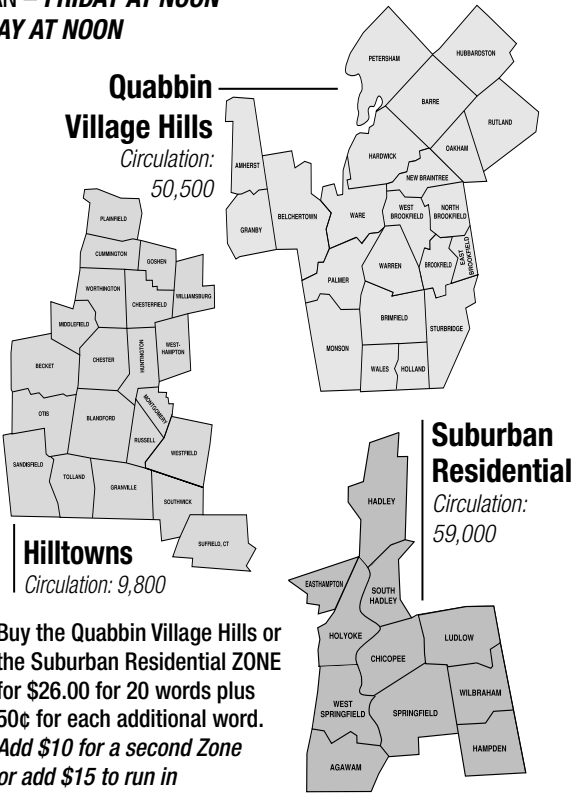
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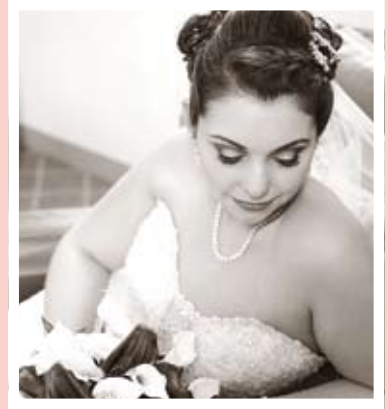
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Former state Rep. Paul Caron presents Lea Scibelli, a resident of Heritage Hall East in Agawam, with a citation proclaiming Oct. 8 “Lea Scibelli Day” in honor of her 101st birthday. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen was among dignitaries to honor Lea Scibelli on the occasion of her 101st birthday.

## Pols, friends celebrate Scibelli’s 101st

Lea Scibelli, a resident of Heritage Hall East in Agawam, was recently honored for her 101st birthday. Most folks remember Lea, a former Springfield resident, as “half a team” since her late husband was retired state Rep. Tony Scibelli. Tony ran undefeated for over 40 years.

Diane Darin, recreation director of Heritage Hall East, knew of a number of local folks with “household names” and decided, with the assistance of former School Committee member Allene Curto, to invite those who had dealings with the power couple, including former Springfield state Rep. Paul Caron,

for “An Evening with Lea Scibelli.” Caron brought a proclamation from the House of Representatives designating Oct. 8, Lea’s birthday, “Lea Scibelli Day.”

Also in attendance was former state Rep. Rosemary Sandlin of Agawam and various other friends and campaign workers. State Sen. Don Humason, of Westfield, sent an official citation from the state Senate. Guests also included former Springfield state Rep. Sean Cahillane and Mayor Richard Cohen of Agawam, who provided a proclamation for “Lea Scibelli Day” to be recognized in Agawam. Gov. Charlie Baker sent a congratulatory citation.

## McCaslin, Montefusco marry



Kristen Marie McCaslin and Fabio Alfonso Montefusco were united in marriage in a ceremony held Oct. 11 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. Parents of the bride are Richard F. McCaslin, Jr. and Laurie A. McCaslin of Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Vincenzo and Linda Montefusco of East Longmeadow. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Hands together



Members of the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club recently painted one fingernail with purple nail polish in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. Club members are working to raise awareness of the problem and the prevalence of domestic violence with the hope of eliminating it. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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## Martin joins Ayre Real Estate

Ayre Real Estate has announced that Chris Martin has joined as a licensed sales associate. A graduate of Agawam High School, Martin has a bachelor of science degree in biology from Western New England University.

He served on active duty for eight years in the Army and is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and a veteran of Operation of Enduring Freedom. Martin is a supporter of the Anne Nicklaw Educational Fund at Baystate Medical Center, which provides scholarships to those in need.

He has a strong background in investment properties as a senior partner in a real estate investment group in Memphis, Tenn. Martin can be reached at 413-789-0812, ext. 129, or [chrismartin@ayrerealestate.com](mailto:chrismartin@ayrerealestate.com)



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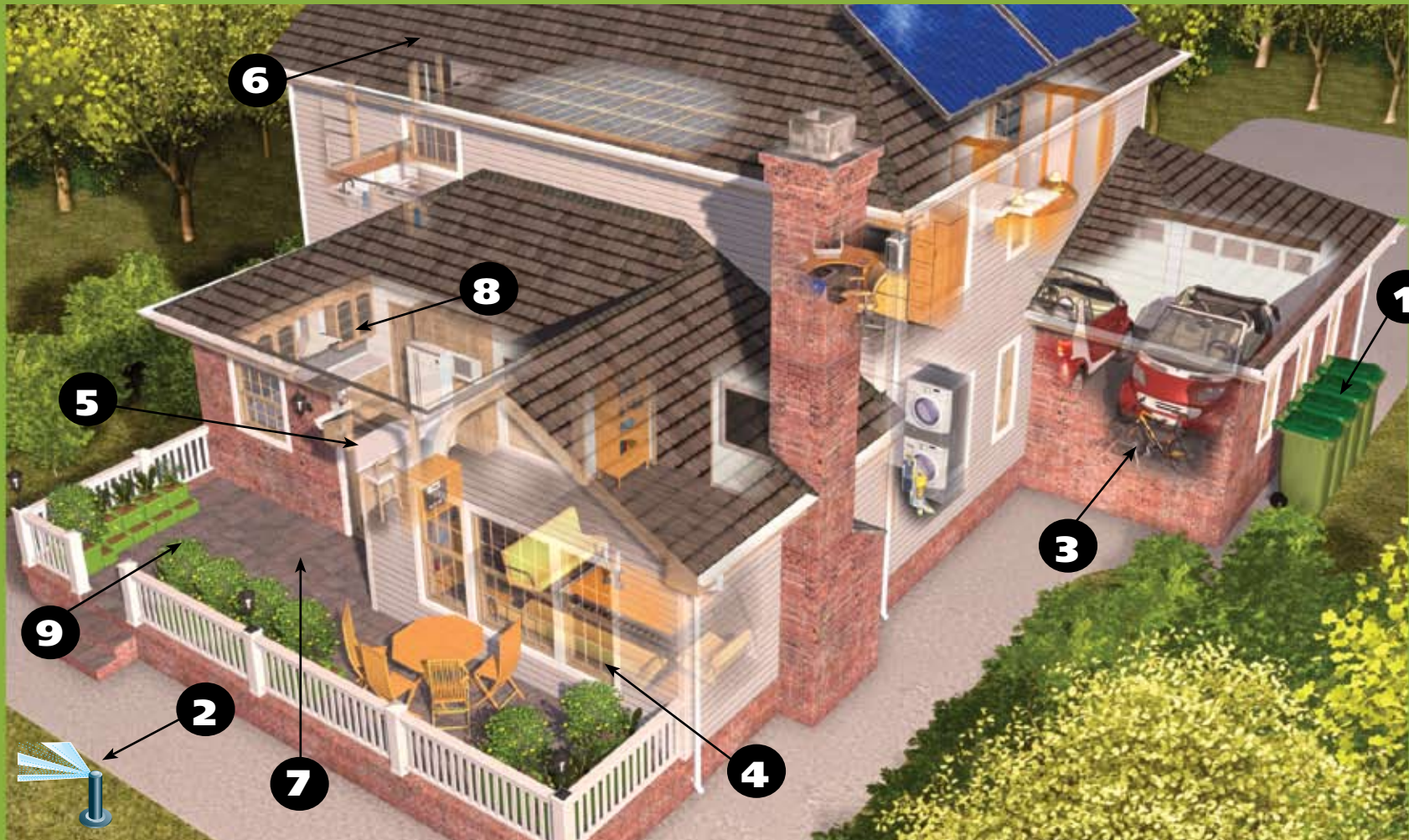


It was a beautiful fall day in Feeding Hills on Oct. 24 for Rachel Sills' annual pumpkin carving party. Girls in attendance included, from left, Sage Sarrazin, Rachel Sills, Kalley Hamel, Samantha Lubarsky, Madison Braska, Bella Spinney, Olivia Salva, Summer Smith, Kayleah Unglaub, Alexis Scott, Madeline Cascio and Kiley Sheehan. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Film festival at library Nov. 16

Local filmmakers George Bozoglos, Stefen Welch, Drake Descant and Dave Russo have joined together to present an evening of independent films at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the Agawam Public Library. "Spring Up, Fall Down, Summer Over and Winter Will End," a New England of changing seasons, and Poe's "The Raven" will be offered by Bozoglos. Welch will present "The Growling," about a dinosaur that survived and is terrorizing the suburbs as well as "Socks," about a world where feet roam free. Descant and Russo have produced a stop-action music video of "Fingertips" by the group They Might Be Giants. To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). The library is at 750 Cooper St.

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